

Oncology

Children's Access Center

24/7 access for referring physicians
(866) 353-KIDS (5437)

Outpatient Referral

Referral forms online at: www.childrenscentralcal.org/services/medicaloffice/refer
FAX: (559) 353-8888

Oncology Office Numbers

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Oncology services at Children's Hospital are offered through our Craycroft Cancer Center. The Center serves as one of the leading pediatric cancer facilities on the West Coast and the only provider of pediatric oncology services between Los Angeles and the Bay Area. The Center includes an outpatient center and a fully-equipped 36-bed inpatient unit, Starship Craycroft. Our goal is to provide infants, children and adolescents quick access to care and an early diagnosis. Our experienced team can then develop an individualized treatment plan to ensure the best possible outcome.

The Craycroft Cancer Center is a member of Children's Oncology Group (COG), a cooperative research collaborative of about 235 medical institutions that works to identify cancer causes and pioneer new treatments and cures. Committed to exploring new lifesaving therapies when available, the Center has more than 300 children on COG protocols at any given time, offering the latest medications and treatment regimens. Involved in more than 100 ongoing clinical trials, the Center is one of the largest participants in COG research protocols on the West Coast.

Treatments

Treatments performed in the outpatient oncology unit at the Craycroft Cancer Center include:

- Chemotherapy infusions
- Blood transfusions
- Bone marrow aspirations and biopsies
- Lumbar punctures
- Administration of chemotherapy into the cerebrospinal fluid

In addition to providing the same procedures and treatments performed on an outpatient basis, we provide care on an inpatient basis to children who:

- Have an acute illness in addition to their form of cancer
- Need more intensive chemotherapy
- Need numerous transfusions
- Are just starting their cancer treatment
- Have an acute illness because of their weakened immune system

Craycroft Cancer Center Team

Our multidisciplinary team includes eight pediatric oncologists/hematologists (including a neuro-oncologist who specializes in the treatment of brain and spinal tumors), psychologists, neuropsychologists, social workers, interpreters, case workers and, when the need arises, a palliative care program. A pediatric oncologist has completed three years of training as a fellow in pediatric hematology and oncology. This follows completion of a three-year pediatric residency and four years of medical school education.

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Please contact our oncology department directly with any immediate questions or concerns about a patient referral or potential diagnosis. Our phone number is (559) 353-5480 or fax (559) 353-5490.

Disease State	Suggested Work-up and Initial Management	When to Refer
Leukemia (May present with progressive bone pain, fevers, pallor, fatigue, bruises, petechiae, hepatosplenomegaly, lymphadenopathy, abnormal blasts on CBC, all or none of the symptoms)	When referring a patient: Always please include a complete history and physical, any previous labs or X-rays (plain films/ CT scans/ MRI/ ultrasounds on disk if possible). If biopsy has been done we will need the original biopsy tissue for confirmation and a copy of the OR report. Work-up: CBC, chemistry, phosphorus, uric acid, LDH, PT, PTT, chest X-ray (r/o mediastinal mass)	In addition to the guidelines below, referral is appropriate anytime based on the patient's clinical condition, family's level of concern and primary care provider's comfort level. Lab testing can be done prior to the visit here or the day of the patient's visit. If concerns or abnormal findings -- please call so that we can assist with the evaluation and accommodate the family as quickly as possible
Brain Tumors (May present with progressive headaches, vomiting especially in the morning not due to other causes, weakness, neck tilt, enlarging head circumference, balance/ataxia problems, vision changes, new seizure unrelated to fevers/or other cause, changes in personality, excessive thirst/urination, all or none of the symptoms)	If symptoms warrant, vision or other tests should be done. MRI is most helpful to make the diagnosis, but often a CT scan can be obtained faster to assess a patient's need for neurosurgical intervention. If the patient is experiencing symptoms of increased intracranial pressure we may wish to refer the patient to Children's Hospital Central California Emergency Department to get an emergent CT scan and contact neurosurgery for rapid intervention.	If concerns or abnormal findings -- please call so that we can assist with the evaluation and accommodate the family as quickly as possible
Abdominal Tumors (May present with progressive abdominal swelling or mass, vomiting, constipation, unexplained fevers, hematuria, generalized symptoms, all or none of the symptoms)	Work-up: CBC, chemistry, phosphorus, uric acid LDH, alpha fetal protein (AFP), PT, PTT, urine analysis, urine for HVA/VMA, abdominal X-ray, and/or ultrasound of the abd/pelvis. These tumors may grow rapidly so early intervention is the key.	If concerns or abnormal findings -- please call so that we can assist with the evaluation and accommodate the family as quickly as possible

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Other Soft Tissue Masses (May present with progressive pain, firm or painless swelling/mass at the area involved, decreased movements, bone pain, unexplained persistent pain after a "minor" injury, all or none of the symptoms)	Work-up: CBC, chemistry, phosphorus, uric acid, LDH, plain view X-ray to the area involved	If concerns or abnormal findings -- please call so that we can assist with the evaluation and accommodate the family as quickly as possible
Lymphadenopathy (Symptoms worrisome for lymphoma include but are not limited to: mobile, rubbery, non-tender lymph nodes, that progressively enlarge over time, persist despite antibiotic therapy, size larger than 2 cm in diameter, association with unexplained fevers, weight loss, night sweats. Enlarged axillary or supraclavicular lymph nodes warrant further investigation. Cough, breathing difficulties, difficulties swallowing should be treated as an emergency)	Work-up: CBC, chemistry, phosphorus, uric acid, LDH, PT, PTT, EBV, CMV, other viral titers as indicated, bartonella/toxoplasmosis titers as indicated, PPD for suspected atypical TB, chest X-ray (r/o mediastinal mass). One course of oral antibiotics may be helpful for suspected local bacterial adenitis.	Lymph node > 4 cm in diameter Lymph node < 4 cm in diameter present greater than one month, not responsive to one course of oral antibiotics If concerns or abnormal findings -- please call so that we can assist with the evaluation and accommodate the family as quickly as possible

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Insurance Plans*

Aetna EPO/HMO/PPO

AllCare IPA

Bakersfield Family Medical Center/ Heritage Physician Network

Blue Cross HMO/ Prudent Buyer PPO/ Healthy Families EPO

Blue Cross Medi-Cal/ Healthy Families HMO

Blue Shield HMO/ PPO/ Healthy Families

Capp Care (Beachstreet)

Catholic Healthcare West-Bakersfield

CCS – California Children's Services

Central California Alliance for Health

Central Valley Medical Group CVMG

Choice Care

Cigna/ Greatwest

Delano Regional Medical Group

EHS IPA (Blue Cross Managed Medi-Cal Patients/Healthy Families)

Emmanuel Employee Benefit Plan

First Health/ CCN

Foundation HealthCare Administrators/ California Foundation for Medical Care

GemCare IPA/ Managed Care Systems

Health Net HMO/ PPO/ Healthy Families/ Healthy Kids

Health Net Medi-Cal / CalViva

Health Plan San Joaquin Medi-Cal/ Healthy Families

Hill Physician Medical Group

Interplan

Kaiser HMO/ Healthy Families/ Medi-Cal

Kern Health Systems Medi-Cal/ Healthy Families

Key /Mosaic Medical Group IPA

LaSalle IPA (Blue Cross Managed Medi-Cal)

Medicare

MediCal – California State

MedCore Medical Group

Multiplan/ PHCS

Sante IPA

Sutter Gould Medical Foundation

Sutter Hospital System (Modesto Memorial, Memorial Los Banos, Sutter Tracy)

TriWest (Formally TRICARE/CHAMPUS)

United HealthCare /PacifiCare

Universal Care

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